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REMARKS

A new substitute specification has been submitted in a sincere attempt to overcome the criticisms in the Office Action of the text in the application as filed.

Applicant respectfully submits, however, that it is not necessary in this application to provide all of the identifiers indicated in Sections D. and E. of the Office Action. Applicant submits that the essential characteristics by which the plant can be distinguished are amply recited in the enclosed application.

The Examiner had indicated at F. that the term "Required minimum night temperature" was unclear. The substitute specification states that the temperature is the "Required night temperature to induce bud formation." Applicant informs the Examiner that at a too low night temperature during a period of four weeks from the start of the short day treatment, bud formation in chrysanthemum is retarded. Subsequently, the plant will flower at a delayed time or sometimes not at all requiring a minimum night temperature for plant flowering.

The Examiner is informed that the designation RSA is for the Republic of South Africa.

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The requirement for information under 37 CFR 1.105 is acknowledged. The Examiner is informed that the plant was first sold in December 1998.

Reconsideration of the case is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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